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PATENT APPLICATION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is attached. Also attached is an English-language abstract for both of the Japanese documents.

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These documents were cited in a European Search Report during

prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to a related application of the

subject case, namely U.S. Application No. 10/265,791.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office

Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely.

See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information

in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the

information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate

that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached

Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA

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